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Inventor(s):	Tim Hitchman, et. al.	Confirmation No.:	9324
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Customer No.:	29062		
Docket No.:	D2040-1N		

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Examiner:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 20, 2009 ("the OA"), for which a response is initially due October 20, 2009. Applications submit herewith a Petition for a two month Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) extending the deadline for reply to December 20, 2009. Since December 20, 2009 fell on a Sunday, this response is timely filed. A Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is submitted herewith and Applicants, respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2, of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8, of this paper.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal;
- Request for Continued Examination;
- Petition for extension of time; and,
- Fee transmittal.